

# To get a positive addiction to running=

# Captbike

I would say start out with jumping jacks and stationary running, super setting them for ,LET US SAY, a month for 5 minutes each interval for 30 minutes, doing Yoga with dynamicstretching for warm-up and Pilates for warm-down, staticstretching and then a supersets of Lots of Pushups, As Many Repetitions As Possible or until failure=this would be every other day

Your plan is a creative and intensive approach to building a positive habit—potentially a "positive addiction" to running—by gradually incorporating high-energy, accessible exercises and a structured routine. Here's a breakdown and some expert-backed insights on your method:

### Step-by-Step Plan Analysis

- Warm-up: Yoga with dynamic stretching
  - *Rationale:* Dynamic stretching prepares muscles and joints for movement, reducing injury risk and increasing mobility.

#### Main Workout:

- o Jumping jacks and stationary running (in-place running), supersetted
  - **Duration:** 5 minutes per activity, alternating for 30 minutes total
  - Frequency: Every other day for a month
- *Rationale:* Jumping jacks are a full-body, aerobic exercise that boosts heart rate, improves stamina, and is convenient for home use [1] [2]. Stationary running is a low-barrier way to simulate running without needing outdoor space.
- Warm-down: Pilates, followed by static stretching
  - *Rationale:* Pilates helps with core strength and flexibility, while static stretching aids recovery and flexibility post-exercise.
- Superset at End: Pushups to failure
  - *Rationale*: Pushups build upper body strength and can be motivating as a measurable challenge.

#### Why This Approach Can Build a Positive Addiction

#### • Aerobic Exercise and Dopamine:

- Aerobic activities like jumping jacks and running increase dopamine and other brain chemicals, improving mood and motivation [3] [4].
- Regular exercise can help form new neural connections, making the activity itself rewarding over time [3].

#### Consistency and Routine:

• Committing to a structured, every-other-day routine helps build habit strength and integrates exercise into your lifestyle.

#### • Social and Psychological Benefits:

 Group exercise (even virtually) or having a routine can become a positive anchor, replacing less healthy habits and reducing relapse risk for negative addictions [3].

#### Enjoyment and Motivation:

• Choosing exercises you enjoy increases the likelihood of sticking with them. If you find running enjoyable, transitioning to outdoor running later will be easier [5] [6].

## **Expert Tips for Success**

### • Start Slow and Progress:

• If 30 minutes is challenging, start with shorter intervals and gradually increase.

## Monitor Intensity:

Listen to your body. If you feel pain (not just fatique), adjust intensity or rest.

#### • Music and Mindset:

• Use music or motivational mantras to make workouts more enjoyable and sustainable [6].

#### Goal Setting:

• Set small, achievable goals (e.g., increasing reps, adding minutes) to stay motivated [6].

# **Final Thoughts**

Your plan is a solid foundation for developing a positive relationship with running and exercise. The combination of aerobic activity, strength work, and flexibility training addresses both physical and psychological aspects of habit formation and addiction prevention [3] [4] [2]. Over time, as you build stamina and confidence, transitioning to outdoor running or joining a running group can further reinforce your positive addiction.



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